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# Allen Dulles' Book on What the Reds are Up to Promises to Be Thriller

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 — Retired spy chief Allen Dulles is beginning work on a book that should prove to be a thriller. Having convinced himself that at 68 he is too young yet to start on memoirs, he will write instead about what the Communists are up to.

This will be Allen's fourth book, although only two, "Can America Stay Neutral?" and "Germany's Underground," are listed in his "Who's Who" biography.

His first book, "The Boer War," was published when he was nine years old, and later helped to win him a bride. The story came to light this week when Mrs. John Foster Dulles was reminiscing at a dinner party given by Judge (former senator and ambassador) Homer Ferguson and his wife.

THE WIDOW OF President Eisenhower's secretary of state recalled that she met Allen Dulles many years before her first introduction to his older brother.

Her father like theirs was a Presbyterian minister, and when nine-year-old Allen came to Auburn, N. Y., to visit a school chum, word spread rapidly that he had authored a published book.

"We naturally didn't believe him, until he sent us copies of it," she smiled, as she recalled the yellow-backed book which Allen's grandfather, onetime Sec. of State John W. Foster, paid to have published in 1902.

THE 31-PAGE treatise, inspired by what Allen had overheard in family discussions on the then-raging Boer War, stood him in good stead years later when he proposed to Clover Todd.

His future father-in-law, who was head of the Romance Languages Department at Columbia University, investigated the young author and gave his blessing after learning that he was the author of a serious book. He did not notice that Allen had written it before his voice changed.

Dulles, since his retirement as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has a smaller office in the same building. With the help of a secretary

he will spend several weeks sorting out his official from his personal papers, and answering a deluge of well-wishing mail that has poured in from every continent.

After spending Christmas with a daughter in Santa Fe, N. M., he expects by late January to re-

join his former law firm in New York. Thereafter he will commute frequently between Manhattan and Washington, while writing the book on international Communism, a subject on which he is an outstanding authority.

THE GRANDSON, nephew and brother of three former sec-

retaries of state, Dulles cut his eye teeth on foreign affairs, and personally entered the U. S. diplomatic service 45 years ago.

World War I was already raging in Europe when he arrived as a secretary of legation in Vienna and subsequently in Switzerland. This period marked the beginning

of his work with spies, and thanks to his experience he was recalled to government service during World War II, to help guide the destinies of our supersecret Office of Strategic Services.

The other day Allen received a telephone call from his sister-in-law, who was preparing to send

the papers of John Foster Dulles to Princeton University, his alma mater.

She had run across a hefty packet of letters written to her husband by Allen during the First World War, while the former was liaison officer for the military intelligence and War Trade Board,

and Allen was a budding young diplomat in Europe.

AT HER REQUEST, he nostalgically re-read the correspondence before approving it for Princeton's archives.

Mrs. Dulles lives alone now in the imposing residence which her husband purchased when Presi-

dent Eisenhower brought him to Washington nine years ago.

To keep her company she has Pepin de Bref, the nine-year-old French poodle "Pepi" who was always at the airport to meet Dulles when the fast-traveling secretary returned from his frequent missions abroad.